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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gregory Turocy on 9/11/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 22 line 8 "solid material" has been changed to – precipitate –.

In claim 23 line 3 "the" has been deleted; and in line 6 before "." - , and separating the reaction mixture from the precipitate

In claim 2 line 1 "8" has been changed to – 23 –; in line 2 "purified" has been changed to – separated –; and in line 4 "recovered" has been changed to - separated -.

In claim 4 line 1 "8" has been changed to – 23 –.

In claim 5 line 1 "8 4" has been changed to – 23 –.

In claim 6 line 1 "8" has been changed to – 23 –.

Claims 8, 20, and 21 have been canceled.

In claim 9 line 1 "8" has been changed to – 23 –, and before "is" – material – has been inserted.

In claims 11, 12, 15, 16, and 26 line 1 "8" has been changed to – 23 –.

In claim 15 line 6 before "." - , wherein COD represents 1,5-cyclooctadiene, Net_3 represents triethylamine, Ac represents an acetic acid moiety, and PPh_3 represents triphenyl phosphine – has been inserted.

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In claim 24 line 1 "8" has been changed to – 23 –; and in line 3 "active carbons," has been deleted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Peter A. Hruskoci/ whose telephone number is (571) 272-1160. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith can be reached on (571) 272-1166. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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